



The CWIP Newsletter



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The Community Weather Involvement Program or "CWIP" has been a part of our office since it's inception in 1998. Every day, the staff takes calls from our volunteer CWIP observers and logs the information that they provide. This information is invaluable to our hydrologic operations, especially during heavy rain events.

Currently the CWIP program has a core of nearly 100 volunteers that report high and low temperatures and precipitation every day or after a rain event. This information is used by forecasters at our office.

Every report is welcome, especially those reports of severe weather that reach us from our CWIP's in near real time. Severe weather reports from the community are invaluable in the warning decision making process. Every report helps us carry out our mission of protecting life and property when severe weather occurs in the Ozarks.

Thank you for your dedication.



Many of us know that technology gets better every day. The National Weather Service strives to utilize the latest technological advances to carry out our mission of protecting life and property. To this end, many of our CWIP volunteers report their information, be it daily temperatures, rainfall reports or severe weather reports, using the AOL Instant Messenger program available on the Internet.

The Screen Name to contact us on the Instant Messenger is ContactSGF. The Instant Messenger is monitored 24 hours a

day. Severe weather reports can also be sent in this fashion.

If you need additional information on instant messaging, call 1-800-762-4363.

CWIP of the Quarter

Four times a year one CWIP volunteer is recognized for their contributions. This can be in the form of consistent daily reports, reports of severe weather or flooding, and other information that helps us fulfill our mission.

Past CWIP of the Quarter recipients:



Roger Young	WRI101	1998
Karin Ross	DAL300	1998
Charles Webster	HIC402	1999
Maureen Sherer	WRI404	1999
Mary Taylor	OZA101	1999
Kaleb Oliver	BAR202	1999
Charles Herrin	NEW302	2000
Mark Burchfield	WEB100	2000
John Mitchell	STO100	2000
Richard Myers	TAN401	2000

2001 CWIP of the Quarter recipients:

Rob Douglas	SHA400	2001
John Senne	PHE101	2001

Congratulations and thank you all !!!



Some of you report frequently and we thank you for it. If you haven't reported in a while and are still interested in continuing as a volunteer, let us know. You can contact us by mail, email or instant massager, all of which can be found in this newsletter.

CWIP Program Updates

Technology keeps getting better and better and the National Weather Service keeps up by updating our programs frequently. We will be updating our CWIP page on our web site at www.crh.noaa.gov/sgf.

New features will include a map showing where our CWIP's are located, updated instructions on how to become a CWIP volunteer, and this newsletter.



Some of you are on the technology band wagon and are using equipment and programs that allow you to post your weather information on the Internet. We would like to see what you have. However, to do this we will need the web address for your site. You can let us know either with email, instant messenger, or regular mail what your site address is.

We want the CWIP page on our web site to be a place you can visit to get information about the program, see your input and know that your information makes a difference.

In addition to updating our programs we would also like to update information on the

equipment our current CWIP volunteers are using for their measurements. This will give us a better understanding of the information that you provide to us.

We are interested in:

- the type and size of rain gauge used
- the type of thermometer/s
- where the instruments are located (i.e. in shaded or open areas, near grass or concrete, etc.)

Do you know someone who would like to become a CWIP volunteer??

We do need quality CWIP observers for many locations in our area where data is sparse. If you know someone that loves weather and would like to do what you do, let us know or have them contact us. Even if they just contact us when it rains or if severe weather hits where they live, that's O.K. The more information we have the better.

I hope you enjoyed this newsletter and look forward to receiving the next one. This will be sent out twice a year. Thank you again for all your hard work.

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